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**Legislative Email Update**

**PATTERSON ANNOUNCES JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON OUT-OF-STATE WASTE**

Please join Senator Patterson, Vice Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Land Use and Environment Committee for a joint public hearing discussing out-of-state waste.

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2003  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Meads Mill Middle School, Rondel Media Center  
16700 Franklin Road, Northville, MI 48167  
(248) 344-8435

As the Vice-Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, Senator Patterson is pleased to announce that the hearing will be held in his western Wayne county district. **The location bears significance to the hearing as numerous landfills are located in the area.** The hearings are intended to gather testimony from residents and interested parties on legislation and to hear other ideas on how to address the issue. Following the hearings, it is expected that the Legislature will move forward with the ideas received that are expected to withstand judicial review.

If you would like additional updates, please clip and return the response below to Senator Bruce Patterson, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. Or call toll-free (866) 262-7307.

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**PATTERSON AND LAJOY: SUPPORT OF TROOPS STILL STRONG**

Senator Bruce Patterson and Representative Phil LaJoy (R - Canton) today announced that the "Support Our Troops" event, held on Saturday, May 10, 2003 in the Canton Township Park, resulting in the collection of 83 international calling cards for use by our troops. With the peak of the war in Iraq behind us, we must remember that we still have

many of our sons and daughters overseas keeping us safe. Saturday's event illustrated the strong support our community members have for our personnel. These calling cards will help family members stay in touch with loved ones until they return home.

Senator Patterson and Representative LaJoy want to send their appreciation to all members of the local communities who attended the function. **Those in attendance included U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and his wife Barb, and several members of the Canton Vietnam Veterans Association.**

Patterson and LaJoy, to show their appreciation to those who attended, gave away two flags previously flown over the Michigan Capitol. **Bob Lamoureux** of Canton received the Michigan flag and **Al Kerbison** of Westland received the United States of America flag.

### **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE HELD AT STATE CAPITOL**

More than 900,000 Michigan residents served in the armed forces to preserve our freedoms and those of others in foreign lands, and this week the Michigan Senate conducted a memorial ceremony honoring Michigan's past and present soldiers. The ceremony began with the Presentation of the Colors by the Brighton VFW, Post 4357. Included in the ceremony was a processional led by the Kalamazoo Pipe Band, a moment of silence, Military Medley and Processional of Military Branches, a special tribute to current troops, acknowledgment of fallen soldiers, and the performance of Taps and Amazing Grace. The ceremony was highlighted by a keynote address from Dr. Wayne Tucker, a military veteran of over 50 years who has been bestowed with numerous medals and honors from the Armed Forces. The ceremony also honored three of its own members who dedicated a part of their lives to military service. The ceremony lasted approximately 45 minutes, and Senator Patterson was proud to be participate in honoring past and present soldiers.

### **CPR CERTIFICATION FOR COACHES AND TEACHERS PASSED BY SENATE**

The Michigan Senate reaffirmed a commitment to protecting children this week by passing Senate Bill 179 and House Bill 4038. The bills require school coaches to be certified in sports safety training and teachers to be certified in first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The legislation mandates that CPR and first-aid training must be completed before teachers are certified by the Michigan Department of Education and that sports safety training be certified prior to employment by a school. Individuals coaching or teaching before July 1, 2004 or those with physical limitations would not be required to obtain certification. SB 179 and HB 4038 also establish that a person who is certified and performs physical aid on another person is not liable for damages, as protected by the Good Samaritan Law. In addition, SB 179 exempts coaches who may also be doctors, nurses and other emergency personnel from receiving the additional training. The bills, if signed into law, will take effect July 1, 2004.

### **SENATE PASSES MEASURES TO FILL GAP IN 2003 SCHOOL AID FUND**

The Senate passed legislation ensuring that Michigan's public schools are not forced to shoulder the \$92 million projected shortfall in the School Aid Fund. Figures released from the May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, held at the State Capitol on May 13, show a nearly \$92 million budget shortfall in the 2003 School Aid Fund. Senate Bill 183, which passed the Senate by a unanimous vote, transfers \$61 million from the general fund into the state School Aid Fund. The approximately \$31 million remaining shortfall will be handled by the refinancing of existing bonds. Among the topics of discussion at the conference were the collection of state revenues since January, a picture of the state and national economy and the impact of revenue collections in the 2003 and 2004 fiscal years.

### **SENATOR PATTERSON CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY**

Senator Patterson will honor Michigan's past and present service men and women this weekend by participating in the following parades:

#### **Saturday, May 24, 2003**

Trenton Memorial Day Parade - starts at 9:30 a.m.

Sumpter Parade - starts at 12 noon

#### **Monday, May 26, 2003**

Plymouth Memorial Day Parade - starts at 7:30 a.m.

Northville Memorial Day Parade - starts at 10 a.m.

### **CONCERNED ABOUT A PIECE OF LEGISLATION OR AN ISSUE?DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO SHARE IN YOUR CONCERN?**

If you are interested in sharing your views on any issues, pieces of legislation or a personal topic of interest with your community, please contact Senator Patterson's office at [senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov) for more information.

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If you need to sign up for my updates, please email me at

[senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov). In an effort to keep residents up to date with what is happening in Lansing, I am asking interested constituents to forward their e-mail address to me, which will be included in my confidential e mail legislative update list.

Considering the state of the economy, electronic mail is an inexpensive and convenient method to transmit information to those who would be interested in receiving legislative updates. I use constituent e mail addresses for newsletters, weekly updates and to seek input on a variety of issues. You may also visit my website at

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/patterson/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or one of my staff members. Thank you for your continued interest in the legislative activities of the Michigan Senate. Again, should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Very truly yours,**

**Bruce Patterson**  
**State Senator - 7th District**

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